

FIGURE AMENDMENTS:

Please replace figure sheets 1 and 2 with the single enclosed replacement sheet.

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.121(d) for the reasons given in the attached PTO 948. In response thereto, new formal drawings are enclosed. Review and acceptance is requested.

Claims 47 and 48 are objected to because claim 48 is improperly numbered as 47. In response thereto, claim 48 has been renumbered accordingly.

Claims 19 through 48 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite, since ,with regard to claim 19, it is unclear whether or not the head must include cotton fibers. With regard to claim 20, the specification defines micro stable fibers as synthetic fibers, however, viscose fibers contain non-synthetic material. The Examiner has, however, indicated that claims 19 through 48 are allowable over the prior art of record if the above rejections under 35 USC 112 can be overcome.

In response to these rejections, the Applicant has amended the claim set to eliminate recitation of "cotton swab" in the preamble and has changed that recitation to "fiber swab". Moreover, recitation of "cotton head" in claims 19, 46 and 47 has been replaced with "fiber head". These amendments clearly indicate that the fiber swab must not contain cotton. With regard to claim 20, the confusion concerning the definition of micro stable fibers has been obviated by simply reciting that the fiber material comprises polyester or viscose fibers.

The Applicant believes this amendment to be fully responsive to all remaining issues in this case and to place the application into a position of allowance. Review, acceptance and passage to issuance is therefore requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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